

INFORMATION
OF
SPECIAL INTEREST
OR
IMPORTANCE
TO
MARINERS

NM 7/02

HYDROGRAM

**National Imagery and Mapping Agency
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SPECIAL
ANNOUNCEMENTS
NEW PRODUCTS
OR SERVICES
IMPORTANT
CHANGES

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DISCONTINUANCE OF 121.5 AND 243 MHZ FOR SATELLITE DISTRESS ALERTS TO BEGIN

THE INTERNATIONAL COSPAS-SARSAT PROGRAM HAS ANNOUNCED PLANS TO TERMINATE SATELLITE PROCESSING OF DISTRESS SIGNALS FROM 121.5 AND 243 MHZ EMERGENCY BEACONS. SEE SECTION III.